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Claims update:

We visited most of the claims in our south Motherlode yesterday and hung new signs on our newly added 7 claims. We have water on Yogi, Perlot, Ratsnest, Golden Anne and Forest Circus. The others are dry.

We also found one... [See More](#)

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**Glynn Barnes** I was wondering.... Do we have a claim at Spinning Wheel? Also do we have a claim at San Jose Family Camp? I thought I heard we did or was working on it? I would Love a detecting Outing?

1 · 8 hours ago



**American Mining Rights Association** We do not Glynn. We are currently working on claims on the Feather, Yuba drainage, the Cosumnes. Colorado, Oregon, Washington, Idaho and more in Arizona.....oh, and one in New Mexico.

1 · 7 hours ago



**Ron Decker** That would be cool! I have relic hunted for years, someday I will get a good GOLD detector.

2 · 8 hours ago



American Mining Rights Association replied · 2 Replies · 6 hours ago

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August 4

Out of control EPA, Sasquatch, Ratchilla and dredging for two weeks in Idaho

By Mr. Shannon Poe  
President AMRA  
American Mining Rights Association

What do you do when a regulatory agency goes rogue? What do you do when they ignore the Supreme Court? What do you do when they act as Congress and create their own laws? Scott Harn, editor of ICMH, detailed in last month's issue of ICMJ the "Occupy the Waters" event in Riggins Idaho where about a hundred small miners and supporters of small miners converged on the Salmon River and dredged in opposition to the EPA coming out with what can only be described as a prohibition on suction dredging. Even though the state of Idaho issued suction dredge permits as they have for decades, the EPA decided all suction dredgers needed to purchase a "pollutant discharge permit" from them or face fines of \$37,500 per day. Permits they also refuse to issue. We have already heard feedback from our opposition that "AMRA is out there disregarding the law". Let's be clear, the EPA regulation is not a law, it is a regulation they elected to impose upon the miners without any science to support the regulation. In fact, we can provide at least 12 accredited studies which show precisely the opposite, that suction dredging does not harm fish or fish habitat. The EPA has never provided a single study showing suction dredging to have harmed a single fish.

Shortly after the Occupy event, which AMRA attended and supported along with ICMJ, we packed up our two dredges, a Proline 6" (big blue) and a Proline 4" (little red) and headed for our claim about an hour away on the South Fork of the Clearwater to dredge openly in opposition to the EPA . Dredging with me was AMRA's Field Manager, John Ratley, a wiry and energetic man with "monkey strength" and AMRA's Promotions Manager, Mike Walker, a nearly 6' tall man, 250lbs with herculean strength. Perfect partners for dredging a river with large boulders.

We obtained our \$35.00 non-resident suction dredge permits from the Idaho Water Resources Department and put our dredges in the water July 14th in anticipation for the opening of the season which runs from July 15th to August 15th. The dredges were ready to go first thing in the morning and we were greeted by Idaho Senator Sheryl Nuxoll, Idaho County Commissioner Jim Chemlik, several small miners and suction dredgers all in support of our opposition to the out of control EPA. We placed our AMRA banner next to the roadside near our dredges and 10' American flag to announce to the EPA we were here, we were dredging and they could come and fine us.

The first day came and went, with many of the locals from Elk City honking and waving in support of our opposition to the EPA. Word had gotten out quite quickly all the way to Lewiston 1 1/2 hours away that people were standing up to the government. The EPA never showed, but they did drive by. The second day came, and while the EPA did drive by, again, they did not stop. The third day resulted in a smashed finger from moving a large boulder by hand since they outlawed any type of motorized winch. No EPA.

The fourth day began with the Idaho Road Department stopping by our camp right above our dredges to inform us our AMRA banner was 9' too close to the road and we would have to remove it, or they would confiscate it. Now why do you suppose the road department would threaten to confiscate our banner over a something as trivial as it being 9' too close to the road? Apparently, any signs "which may cause a distraction" must be located 50' from the center line of the road. Our sign was 41' from the center line, we measured it. Rather than have a major altercation and have our members who would be mining this claim in the future be hassled, we decided to move our banner to the river where it was even more visible, but over 50' from the center line. On the drive to Elk City, we counted 3 more signs of advertisements located within

the 50' boundary. On another drive to Grangeville, we counted no less than 15 signs which were in violation and had been there for what was obviously years. Maybe they just don't like plain black and white signs as the others were quite colorful, much larger and were not in opposition to any government intrusion.

An interesting thing happened on the evening of day 4 while sitting in camp discussing the gold we found over a nice campfire. What appeared to be a chinchilla, started ravaging our camp, garbage bucket and Mike's truck. We were confused as we didn't think it could be a chinchilla in northern Idaho. John thought it was a rat, so Mike came up with the name "ratchilla" and he stayed with us for the next 9 nights. As most men and women do, we all told stories around the campfire and on this particular night we started discussing the TV series "Finding Bigfoot". After all, our claim was named Sasquatch 2. We all laughed and joked how they would knock on trees and make silly calls trying to call out a "Squatch". John grabbed one of the big iron rocks he dredged up and slammed it against a tree trunk 3 times. We all laughed. That is until Mike and I heard a knock coming from the hill above us, a hill which has no roads and no humans for miles and miles. Then something busted through the brush above us. Now, I don't know if there is such a thing as Sasquatch or not, but whatever it was certainly wasn't our little ratchilla. Day 5 came with some frustration. Mike and I had been running the 6" upstream about 300 yards from John, who was dredging in a boulder patch on an inside bend and finding good gold with his 4", actually more gold that we were with the 6". We had dredged up the outside wall for over 70' and 20' wide near the road and had only found one paystreak. We were beginning to approach the area of the river where it turned and we decided to punch a swath straight across the river and look for the deposit coming off the inside bend. We dredged straight to bedrock, about 6' to 8' down and a punched a hole 20' wide, all the way across the river. No paystreak. We were finding decent gold, just not what we knew the river held. Still no visit from the EPA and many of the miners who were stopping by daily started to peter out. We did have two other AMRA members dredging, one above us with a 5" from Arizona and one below us with a 4" from Oregon, both were doing well.

Day 6 found John still in his boulder patch and Mike and I heading straight for the inside bend. By this time we had a 20' X 20' hole, 8' deep and were constantly in what we called "coffee creamer". This was concretized material which had obviously never been dredged and the cobble was covered with a coffee creamer colored substance. Just below that, about a foot thick was what all dredgers look for, what we call orange juice. Concretized orange compacted cobble located right on top of bedrock and filling the decomposing bedrock cracks. The orange color is indicative of high iron content and mineralization, just what we wanted to see. We really believed we were in the right stuff now. We were not seeing gold on bedrock, nor were we seeing it go up the nozzle despite the crystal clear water for which the river was named. We were becoming frustrated, and were reminded nightly that John believed he was a much better miner than us for getting more gold with a smaller machine. That night at the campfire, John decided to try his Squatch knocks again. No response, so he decided to give out his best vocal call. This call, if that is what you can call it, sounded like what can only be described as a cross between a 14 year old girl screaming that her favorite IPAD just got stolen and a moose in heat. Surprisingly, no Sasquatch answered that call. Day 7 was quiet. We were tired, I smashed the same finger I smashed a few days earlier and we still hadn't found that paystreak. We finally got more gold than John. No EPA. No Squatch's, but ratchilla was always there. Day 8 Mike and I were reaching the inside bend where the gold must be, but unfortunately had the same results, good gold, but not what we knew was there....somewhere. At the end of the day we were greeted by John doing his "nugget dance" in camp. We knew he had found a nice piece. I was impressed by the chunky piece, but not as impressed with the dance. He was muttering "nuggy, nuggy, nuggy" while hopping around like he was trying to wipe some of my dogs waste off his boots. I stared in stunned silence. Still no EPA.

Day 9 came and we decided we would either hit it today, or move big blue the next day. We were right on the drop spot on the inside bend where the gold

"should" be and dredged for 6 straight hours. We were tired, and saw good color in our box. That night at the cleanup, we beat John again, but barely. We decided we were going to move the dredge down below John, on his inside bend in the boulder patch in the morning.

Day 10 was cloudy with drizzle and it was substantially colder. I had been dredging in a farmer john, without the jacket all week. Mike was always dredging in his shorts and a light 3 mil top. Mike is an iron man. John always wore his 7 mil one piece suit. We packed up the hose on top of the dredge and John and I decided to float it down the river sitting on each side. After about an hour, we got the dredge down below John and Mike and I proceeded to punch a new hole, on the inside bend, but towards the center of the river. After about an hour, we were 4' down and it was obvious it was dredged by the cobble which had no small material around it and the Heidelberg can from the 70's near bedrock. Then I started to get cold, desperately cold. I've never had hypothermia, until now. I pulled my gloves off and my fingers were yellow. Not blue, but yellow. I started shaking and could tell I was getting dizzy. We immediately headed to camp and I stripped out of my gear and immediately got warmed up. Close call. We learned that the small creek where John was dredging was at least 10 degrees colder than the river and with the overcast skies, just running a farmer john was not enough. The remainder of the trip found me in full gear. Later that afternoon, we moved the dredge up to within 30' of John, but with us in the middle of the river working towards the bank. We beat John again. I think I was still delirious at camp that night since the guys actually talked me into trying a Sasquatch call. No response and I'm pretty sure ratchilla was too scared to come into camp that night or laughing so hard he couldn't move.

Day 11, still no EPA and we were starting to see color on bedrock and some going up the nozzle. We were heading straight for the creek which we now concluded must be a "feeder" to the claim. John was dredging the entire time right below (about 50') where the creek came into the river. We were in 7' of water and the bedrock cracks were perfect, rotted, craggy and deep. The boulders we were now in were the size of a truck hood and barely moveable underwater by the two of us. Great signs. We crushed John that day.

Day 12 found us about 20' from the bank where the creek came in. Lots of coffee creamer and about a foot and a half of orange juice sitting on bedrock. We could see gold. We had the occasional visitor and a few folks from Elk City thank us for supporting their town and economy, they clearly understood how much their little town was losing because of the fear the EPA put into the miners over threats of \$37,000 per day fines for exercising their rights. This night was a good cleanout. Upstream from our claim, two rivers make the SF of the Clearwater and we noticed the DFG and a construction crew ripping out a bridge over the Red River where it forms the Clearwater with the other tributary, the American River. When we inquired what they were doing from the locals, we were told that there were two culverts under the bridge and that DFG believed the spawning fish were being confused by the two culverts so they were going to consolidate them into one. Let that sink in for a minute. A fish is confused by which culvert to take upstream when they are located just 5' apart. Now, I'm not a fisheries biologist, but doesn't this seem like an incredible waste of tax payer money? Does a fish really get confused when confronted with two culverts, so much so that they don't move upstream to spawn? They were putting in an entirely new bridge. Maybe they should put up some signs for the fish to follow...but at least 50' from the culverts. John had a brilliant idea that night at camp while ratchilla was ravaging our pop cans. He thought we should put two small culverts leading to our bucket of pop cans to confuse ratchilla, maybe he would just turn around and go away. Day 13, our last day dredging. We knew what was going to happen, and I'll bet you can sense it too. We had our best day of the trip. We reached the bank just feet from where the creek was feeding the river and could feel the cold water coming in the river. Gold was visible, bedrock was craggy and orange juice was 2' thick on the bedrock. John had started going towards the center of the river and his gold was starting to get less and less. We now knew where we would dredge next year.

We spent 14 days on the Clearwater in opposition to the EPA and they never once stopped to confront us or our two other members. We got good gold, made a statement that a regulatory agency cannot create laws and directly ignore Supreme Court decisions. We made friends, smashed fingers, got



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Yesterday at 4:25pm

packed out off the claim the 4" that has been on the good grounds of... [See More](#)

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**Goldie Moore**

Yesterday at 9:22am

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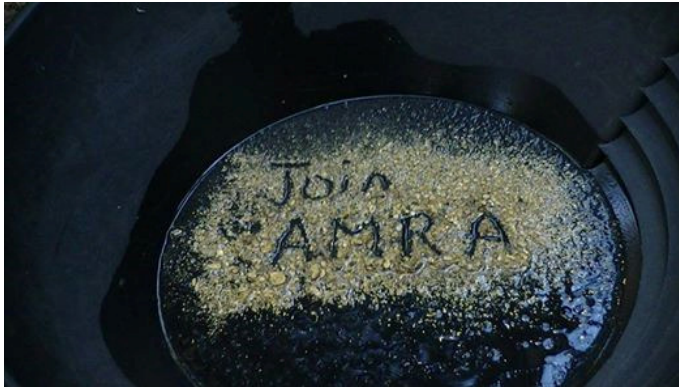
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**Goldie Moore**

Yesterday at 9:20am

hypothermia, saw a strange critter (later identified as a wood rat) ravage our camp nightly, heard something answer John's knocks on trees and walked away with memories of a lifetime. Our government calls suction dredging "recreational". I lost 11 lbs in 13 days with my \$12,000 dredge. We drove 16 hours to dredge our claim, which we pay property taxes on. There is absolutely nothing "recreational" about suction dredging.

How much gold did we get? A miner knows better than to ask that question. We got a few flakes.....here are a few of those Idaho flakes.



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**Vincent Landolina** Great story funny and you guys did a lot of dredging, im envious of your life and time you have its something i hope for one day but I still get out most weekends and its good enough for now, more would be better.

4 · August 4 at 7:02pm



**American Mining Rights Association** 13 straight days with the anaconda 6.....like Golds Gym day in and day out. Except fun.

August 5 at 5:00pm



**Thomas Xavier Myotte** I enjoyed the story and ratchilla

1 · August 4 at 7:11pm



**American Mining Rights Association** We are going to name a claim "Ratchilla". We already have ideas for the Tshirts

8 · August 4 at 7:15pm



**Steve Gregor** Fantastic write-up / journal of the time in Idaho, Shannon. That read like a great adventure, which I am sure it really was. So glad you represent the rest of us with what you guys do. Thanks for that effort, know that it is appreciated. You guys are awesome!

3 · August 4 at 7:03pm



**Ron Harrison** I am still lmao to John's squatch call..... I wish i could of made it over there, bummer. Sounded like some good fun after working your butts off.

2 · August 4 at 7:34pm



**Jon Siptrott** Great story and good times had. I'm glad you came out OK Shannon and John I can see him now from the detailed story. Looking forward to getting together again for a hike to find new accesses to the gold or just a good overnight digging trip. Keep up the good work.

2 · August 4 at 7:11pm



**Rick Shelby** Great posting Shannon...makes a nice campfire tale.

2 · August 4 at 7:08pm



**Marland Jones** sounds like lots of fun thanks for sharing

1 · August 5 at 6:54am



**B.s. Miner** Just wait until you see a mountain beaver. Bigger and meaner - often called a "Ground Bear"

1 · August 4 at 9:17pm



**Matt Torian** Awesome story, isnt nozzle time great?

1 · August 4 at 8:51pm



**John Sullivan** Great story, Sasquatch lives& great gold lol

1 · August 4 at 8:12pm



**Rhonda Wells** Perfect! Felt like I was there - great story!

1 · August 4 at 8:11pm



**Dan Staples** I enjoyed it cover to cover. I was expecting bigfoot to appear. He must not have liked the hot sauce on the beans. Lol. Glad you made it back. And thanks for the cool update. Very well done.

1 · August 4 at 8:03pm



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**Dennis Clement** That was Great it's like we were there great story I hope no one has problems in the future (before we go Wild Wild West)

1 · August 4 at 8:16pm · Edited



**Gary Watts** nice write up, makes me want to drive to Idaho

1 · August 4 at 8:15pm



**American Mining Rights Association**

August 2

AMRA members!!!

We have just added the 7 new claims we acquired from Sierra Prospectors to our website. We know you will enjoy these claims.

One thing about these claims...I personally have mined above and below every one of these claims... [See More](#)



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**Jeff Armstrong** I want to join but my pay check are looking slim right now did you get that by dredge

3 · August 2 at 9:31pm



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**John Sullivan** Thats alot how big of a dredge were you using ?

3 · August 2 at 2:54pm



American Mining Rights Association replied · 2 Replies

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August 1

Challenge to members and supporters:

We are donating some of the gold we obtained in Idaho to PLP for their litigation fundraising efforts. Jerry has set up an EBAY account which they auction off the gold for the high cost of fighting the... [See More](#)


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**B.S. Miner** I've done pretty well on AMRA's claims, and will give back some to PLP. This is important, I want to mine as long as I'm able. I also urge people who are on the fence about joining AMRA to do so - you'll get great claims and help in the fight. You can also set up a recurring monthly donation, anything is a help - \*and\* it's tax deductible.

8 · August 1 at 6:54pm



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**American Mining Rights Association**

July 31

**South Fork Clearwater 2014** (15 photos)

Some pictures from Idaho 2014


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**Stacy Serrato** Very cool!

2 · July 31 at 12:51pm



**American Mining Rights Association** It is so nice to see you in here Stacy. We have missed you. I hope you and the girls are doing well. All our best...

2 · July 31 at 4:02pm





**Jeff McAuliff** great job! what was your total oz count ? you guys are great for all you do will you make anther trip there this year?what is the fire update at home?

2 · July 31 at 11:48am



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3 · July 31 at 5:25pm



**Travis Purdue** NO NO NO!

1 · August 1 at 7:49am

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July 31

AMRA will have a booth at this show in our own backyard. This has the potential to be one of the largest and best gold shows of the entire year in the United States.

We strongly encourage you to mark this on your calendar and attend. Fun... [See More](#)

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**Rowly Bettencourt** GOLD KILLER will be there. Come check us out.

3 · July 31 at 9:05am



American Mining Rights Association replied · 2 Replies



**Jackie Lindgren** Should be a great show!

2 · July 31 at 9:06am

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July 30

Mining Claim Fee Requirements:

Our government decided again, in the middle of the night to raise the fees on



Federal Mining Claims for the second time in as many years. This isn't just the cost to file a claim, but to maintain the claim. ... [See More](#)



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**Gold Panner WTF....**

2 · August 1 at 4:01pm



**American Mining Rights Association** It is all a part of their agenda.....to shut down public lands and especially the small mining community. They despise the fact that people can go out on public lands and make money.

1 · August 1 at 4:59pm



**Launy Calkins** What a bunch of crap

3 · July 30 at 6:39pm

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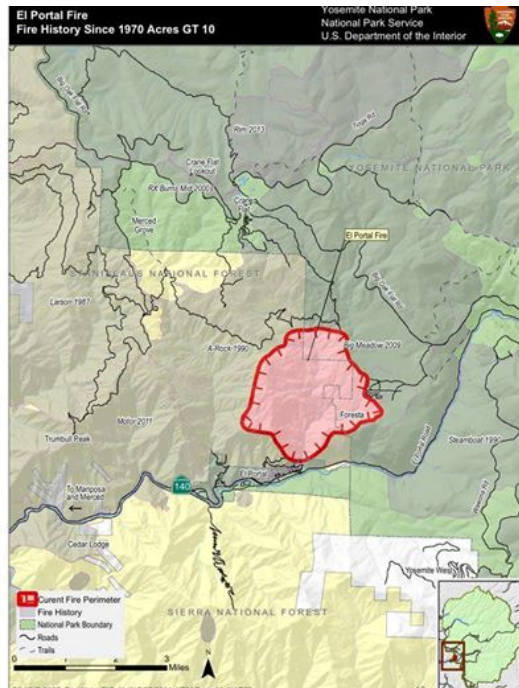
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July 30

El Portal fire update:

We were saddened to learn there was another fire burning in our backyard while we were in Idaho.

The El Portal fire has burned 3545 acres and is 35% contained. It is located near our claims Chupacabra 5 and Chupaca... [See More](#)



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**Chet Nowicki** They like to do that, close all the areas to any person then claim that they do it to allow regrowth of vegetation.

1 · July 30 at 7:01am



American Mining Rights Association replied · 2 Replies



**Michael Purplebike** There's More Gold on the hillsides than in The River  
July 30 at 8:27am

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**American Mining Rights Association**

July 27

We are pulling out tomorrow and making the 20 hour drive home. The EPA did not approach us one time, but as mentioned, they drove by many times. We stood strong against an ever oppressive government intent on prohibiting suction dredging.

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**Jim Urrutia** Freakin SWEET!  
July 27 at 7:17pm



**American Mining Rights Association** Nice pic...ugh  
July 29 at 9:08am



**Michael Purplebike** Looks like you got your "Gas Money" covered  
1 · July 27 at 10:28pm

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July 25

AMRA President Shannon Poe was interviewed by the Idaho Free Press on the river while dredging, this is the article and we encourage you to post your comments.

<http://www.idahocountyfreepress.com/news/2014/jul/23/dredging-protest-miners-find-pay-streak-south-fork/>



**Dredging in protest: Miners find 'pay streak' on the South Fork Clearwater; defy EPA**

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West of old Golden, the South Fork Clearwater River bent around the feet of mountains.

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**Maggie Leonberger** Very nice!  
3 · July 25 at 6:47pm



**American Mining Rights Association** Wait until you see our pictures I'll be posting Sunday.....  
7 · July 25 at 7:17pm



**American Mining Rights Association** We have not had a face to face with the EPA, but they have driven by while we were dredging. We have received overwhelming support from the locals, especially since we have poured a lot of money into their little economy. This is a good claim, but re... [See More](#)  
10 · July 25 at 6:43pm



**Ron Decker** So, Bigger is not always better? Lol.  
4 · July 25 at 7:20pm

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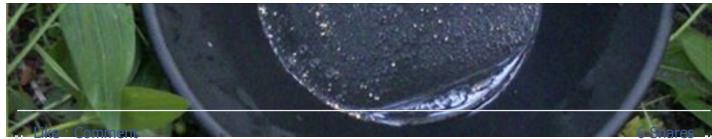
**American Mining Rights Association**  
July 20

Sunday evening update from Idaho:

We have not had any visits from the EPA, but they did drive by with a USFS enforcement officer today. They did not stop.

There are now only three dredges in the water, all AMRA, on AMRA claims. One me... [See More](#)





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**AU Dan** Very cool. I want to learn more about dredging. I live in California so you know the story. This is my question? You say simi-swift waters. When I prospect in the river, Azusa Canyon I always look for a drop in the river. Then if I'm lucky it flattens... [See More](#)



6 · July 20 at 7:53pm



**American Mining Rights Association** We look for where the river will either create "eddy's" or where it slows down like an inside bend. Once we put our dredge in, we punch down to the bedrock and look for concretized gravels which are normally reddish in color from the minerals and iron. Gold is 16 times heavier than water, so it seeks the bottoms of most rivers, or under large obstructions like boulders. Hope that helps.

2 · July 25 at 5:54pm



**Dan Bethel** <http://youtu.be/AQnwZpGtWjk?list=UUgDBifweRWoMFmYDvWZHfNA>  
July 22 at 7:29pm



**American Mining Rights Association** Your comments are not true. What are you doing for the small mining community?

1 · July 25 at 5:58pm

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**American Mining Rights Association**

July 17

We had a visitor this afternoon.

It wasn't the EPA, DFG, USFS or BLM, it was the road department and two men named Dave and Jim. They said this sign is illegally displayed on "his" road. Yes, he said "his" road. He informed us we were i... [See More](#)



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**B.s. Miner** heh. tell him it's your road just as much as it is his. Did Dave & Jim ever come back with their regulation book? (and if they do tell him he's un-American for making you take down Ol' Glory)

1 · July 18 at 3:07pm



**American Mining Rights Association** We will not remove the flag.....period, no if's and's or buts. He did a drive by this morning and took a picture with it moved.

3 · July 18 at 7:10pm



**Dana Stewart** I think you guys are just looking for a fight  
July 17 at 6:08pm



**American Mining Rights Association** replied · 3 Replies



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July 17

Thursday update:

We have seen what we believe is the EPA driving by, but they are afraid to stop and talk to us. We have been left alone and get waves from the USFS, DFG and BLM.....the way it "should" be.

We have been searching for the ... [See More](#)

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Roy Miller, Randy Wright, Robbin Lee Hampton and 76 others like this.

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6 · July 17 at 8:18am

**American Mining Rights Association**

July 17 at 3:56pm

Hey brother, wish you were here.

**Joe Meerscheidt** Did I miss something? Is it now legal to dredge in Cal?

2 · July 17 at 10:13am

**American Mining Rights Association**

Joe.

This is on our AMRA claim in Idaho

2 · July 17 at 3:57pm

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July 15

PRICELESS.....

3 months research for killer gold claim in Idaho

20 hour drive

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John Ratley, Mariland Jones, Dan Staples and 115 others like this.

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3 · July 16 at 10:08am

**American Mining Rights Association** Dang right it is, the best that money can buy hands down.

3 · July 17 at 4:00pm

**Catherine Currier Poe** Those white legs don't look like they see much sun.

5 · July 15 at 1:24pm

**American Mining Rights Association** I get that from you.....

1 · July 17 at 7:17am

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July 12 · Edited

VERY EXCITING NEWS FOR AMRA!

We have just acquired 7 new claims from Sierra Prospectors Association who has decided to close their doors. SPA, a fine organization is giving AMRA these claims in exchange for memberships for their current m... [See More](#)

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2 · July 12 at 6:41pm

**American Mining Rights Association** replied · 4 Replies**Jim Urrutia** Can't wait to give them a go.. I'm ready for some real GOLD, quarter and ounce nuggets!

2 · July 13 at 9:02pm · Edited

**American Mining Rights Association** Sure wish you were here in this gin clear water with me watching an ounce a day go up the nozzle smooshie. Can you say "pound" not ounce?

1 · July 17 at 4:03pm

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**American Mining Rights Association** shared a link.

July 11

Another new video, please share far and wide

Feather River Gold...

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hiXD0\\_6fV5M&feature=youtu.be](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hiXD0_6fV5M&feature=youtu.be)

We will have new videos when we get back from Idaho. We'd like to get an underwater camera to show people what dredging is like (Go Pro 3). We'll see if we get enough gold to buy one.



**Feather River Gold, an AMRA gold prospecting video**

Prospecting for gold on the Feather River drainage in California. An American Mining Rights Association (AMRA) video.

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**B.s. Miner** April, at the Chupacabra-2 claim, full ten hours prospecting and pokin' around on Saturday, and then six hours on Sunday throwin' dirt into my hibanker. Here's the results:



6 · July 11 at 8:35pm



**American Mining Rights Association** replied · 2 Replies



**B.s. Miner** I have a sony action cam with a waterproof case if you want to borrow it.

2 · July 11 at 8:09pm



**American Mining Rights Association** Too late as I'm leaving very early tomorrow. Thank you though.

2 · July 11 at 8:59pm

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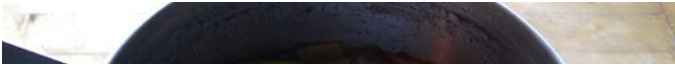


**American Mining Rights Association**

July 11


Friday update:


As most of you know, John and Mike (AMRA staff) have been in Idaho supporting the "Occupy the waters" event. We are also staging our own protest on our AMRA claim "Sasquatch 2" on July 15th. I will be leaving for Idaho ear... [See More](#)





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Kent Fackler, Jon Siptrott, Ron Harrison and 40 others like this. Top Comments ▾


**B.s. Miner** Absotively, posolutely true. and yer making me hungry....  
4 · July 11 at 6:26pm

 American Mining Rights Association replied · 4 Replies

**Ron Holt** Dredge on, a make sure you are flying the Skull and Crossbones  
3 · July 11 at 6:12pm

 American Mining Rights Association replied · 2 Replies

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**American Mining Rights Association** shared a link.  
July 9

We have two new videos just released today. They are from our trip up to the Feather and Yuba river drainages.

One more is coming tomorrow.


[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Z\\_4XRLFM\\_o&feature=youtu.be](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Z_4XRLFM_o&feature=youtu.be)


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**Thinking Waaaay outside the creek pt3, an AMRA gold prospecting video**  
American Mining Rights Association gold prospecting video. This video was shot near Howland Flat in the mother lode of California. This video should et you t...

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**Stance Sturdy** AMRA looks like we head up to 95 and head East on the 14 at grangeville about how many miles down 14 are you y'all?  
2 · July 10 at 10:51am

 American Mining Rights Association replied · 5 Replies

**Dan Staples** Wow, great vids guys. I have extra tiedowns for ya lol.  
2 · July 9 at 6:52pm

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**American Mining Rights Association** shared a link.  
July 8 · Edited

It is important that everyone knows who Lois Capps is, the lawmaker who is pushing the 250,000 acre wilderness unit in California. The complete plan is two posts below this one.

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Janine Hatchett, Ray Schulze, Jeff Armstrong and 11 others like this.



**Vincent Landolina** Hey theres so much Bshit going on in these agencys who THINK there not accountable for a Gdamn thing, its getting super duper re dic ulous

1 · July 9 at 6:38am

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